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SIGNATURE OF PERSON SENDING FACSIMILE**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114 and
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for filing this paper in response to the Office Action (paper #5) mailed on December 3, 2002, thereby extending the due date for response to April 3, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the corresponding fee of \$850.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1800. Applicants are also amending the application to include two new independent claims in addition to the three existing independent claims which brings the total number of pending claims to 22. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to also charge the corresponding fee of \$168.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1800. Applicants believe no other fees are due as a result of filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1800.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1996.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1800
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other (2) Extra independent claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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